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Fig. 1: DNA and predicted protein sequence of PtCela cDNA

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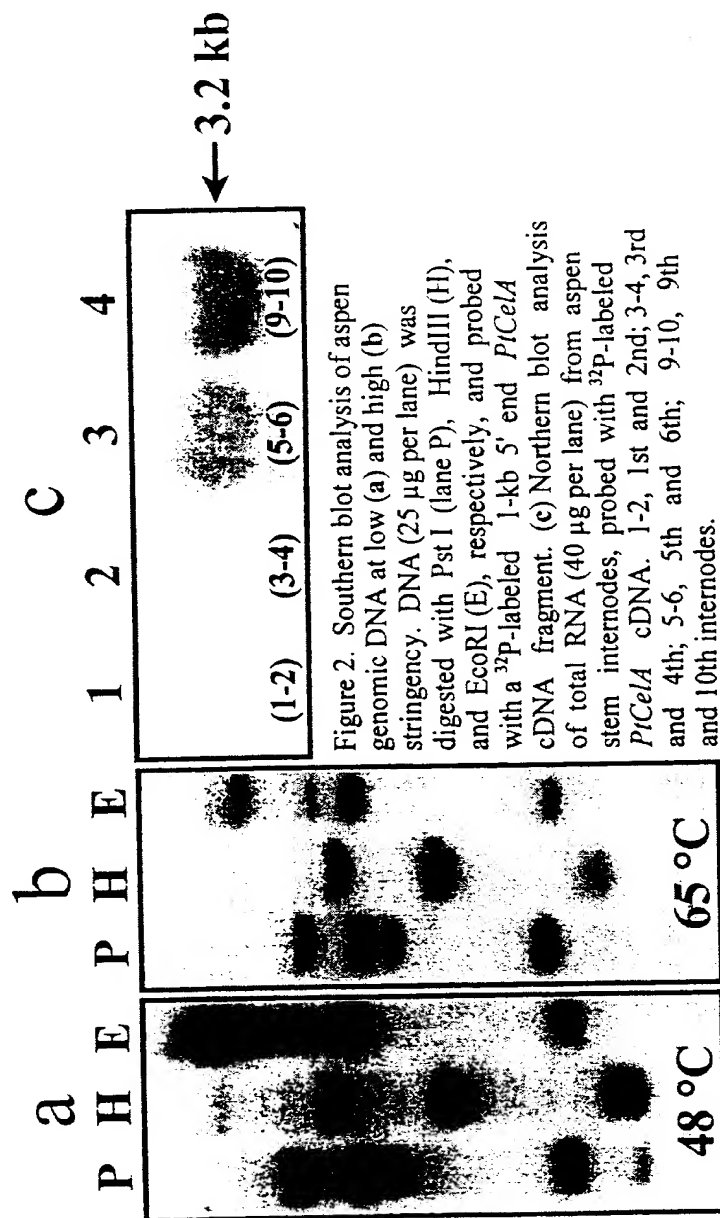


Figure 2. Southern blot analysis of aspen genomic DNA at low (a) and high (b) stringency. DNA (25 µg per lane) was digested with Pst I (lane P), HindIII (H), and EcoRI (E), respectively, and probed with a ³²P-labeled 1-kb 5' end *PtCela* cDNA fragment. (c) Northern blot analysis of total RNA (40 µg per lane) from aspen stem internodes, probed with ³²P-labeled *PtCela* cDNA. 1-2, 1st and 2nd; 3-4, 3rd and 4th; 5-6, 5th and 6th; 9-10, 9th and 10th internodes.

FIG. 2

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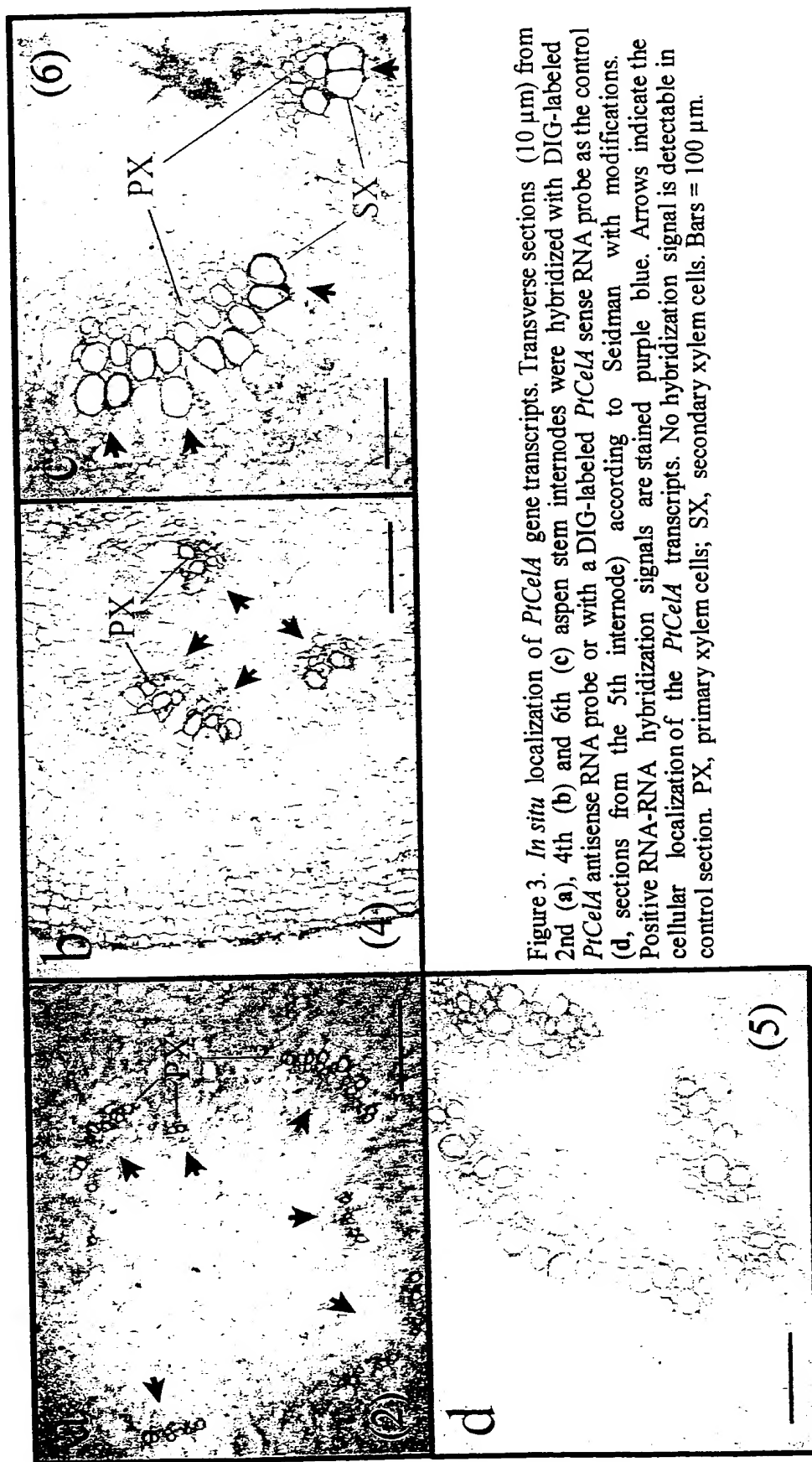


Figure 3. *In situ* localization of *PtCelA* gene transcripts. Transverse sections (10 μm) from 2nd (a), 4th (b) and 6th (c) aspen stem internodes were hybridized with DIG-labeled *PtCelA* antisense RNA probe or with a DIG-labeled *PtCelA* sense RNA probe as the control (d, sections from the 5th internode) according to Seidman with modifications. Positive RNA-RNA hybridization signals are stained purple blue. Arrows indicate the cellular localization of the *PtCelA* transcripts. No hybridization signal is detectable in control section. PX, primary xylem cells; SX, secondary xylem cells. Bars = 100 μm.

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Fig. 4: DNA sequence of PtCelAP, the 5' flanking region of PtCela coding sequence

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FIG. 5

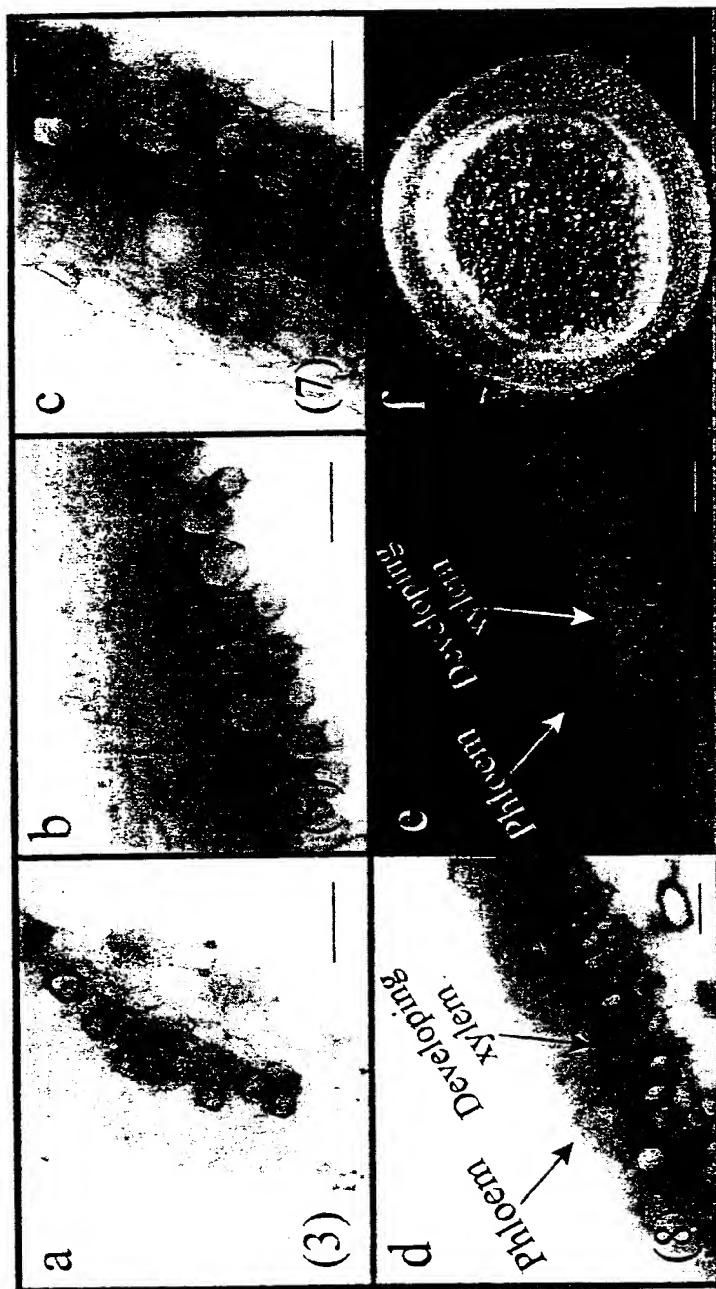


Figure 5. Histochemical analysis of transgenic tobacco for *GUS* gene expression driven by aspen *PtCelA* gene promoter. Stem transverse sections from the 3rd (a), 5th (b), 7th (c), and 8th (d and f) internodes were stained for GUS activity. Fluorescence microscopy (e) showing the identical section as in (d). Lignin autofluorescence was visualized after UV irradiation. An entire section from the 8th internode stained for GUS activity is shown in (f). Bars = 100 μ m in a to e; bar = 1.5 mm in f.

FIG. 6

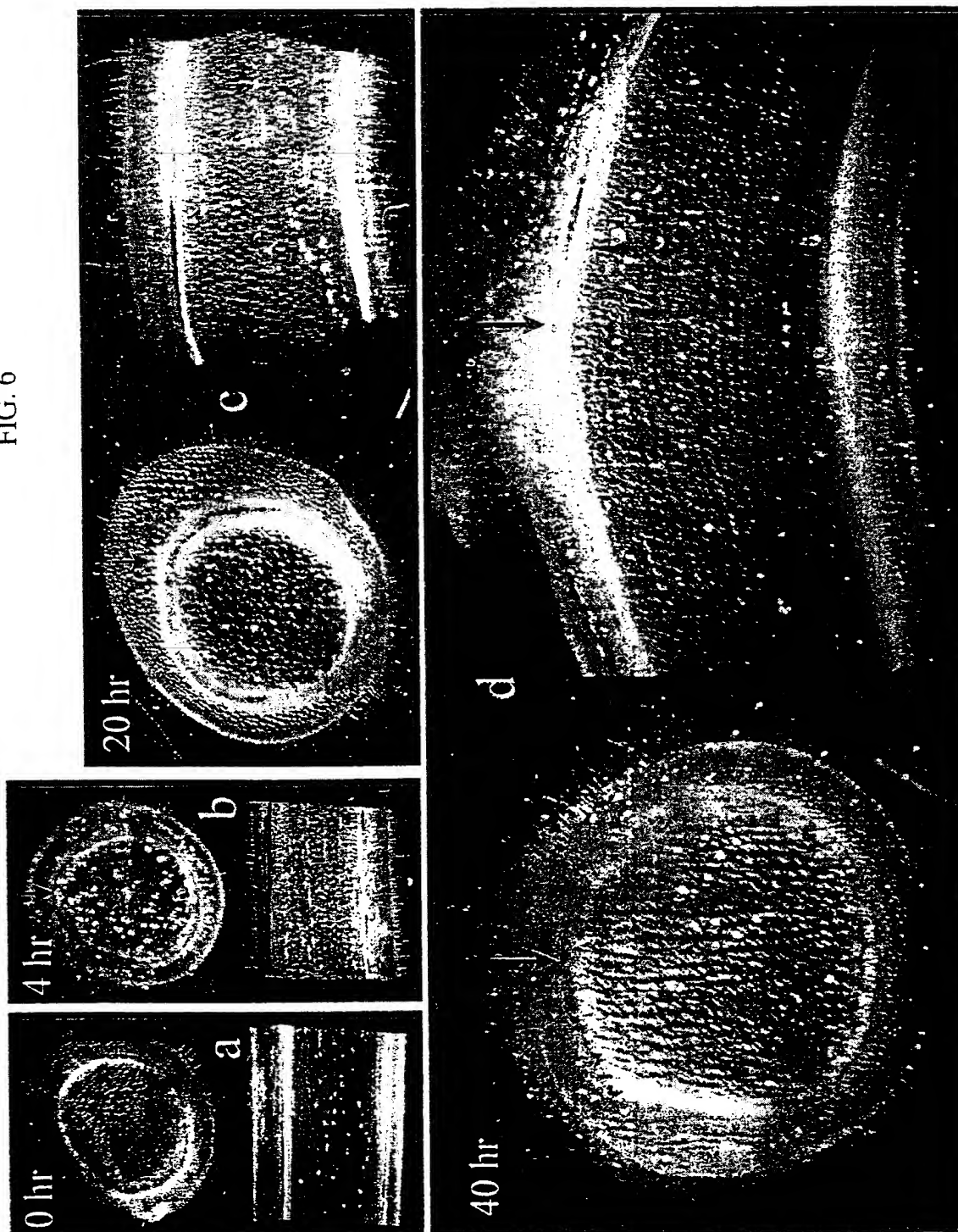


Figure 6. GUS gene expression driven by aspen P₁CeLA gene promoter in transgenic tobacco plants under tension stress. Tension stress was induced by bending the transgenic plants. Tangential and longitudinal sections were harvested before bending (a) and 4 (b), 20 (c) and 40 (d) hours after bending and stained for GUS expression. Arrows indicate the bend sites.

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FIG. 7

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FIG. 8

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